

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Claim 1 is canceled herein.

Claims 3-6 remain unchanged.

Claim 2 is amended herein.

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (canceled herein)

2. (currently amended) ~~A kick board according to claim 1, in which A kickboard comprising:~~

a front truck with a pair steerable wheels;

an elongate flex deck extending from the truck to a rear wheel;

a foldable handle pivotably connected to a chassis of the front truck to allow the handle to move through a vertical plane from a substantially vertical position above the chassis to a substantial horizontal position overlying the deck;

a hinge connection to allow the handle to pivot comprising:

a lower connector anchored to the chassis and having opposing vertical planar outer surfaces;

a forked upper connector that fits over the lower connector and is attached to a lower end of the handle, the upper connector having vertical planar inner surfaces that fit snugly and slidingly against the respective outer surfaces of the lower connector;

a pivot pin extending through the inner and outer vertical surfaces to hold the lower and upper connectors together; and

a manually releasable lock that prevents relative rotation between the connectors and pivoting of the handle to fold over the deck whenever the handle is in the vertical position, the lock comprising a vertical slot in an upper surface of the lower connector and a spring biased plunger constrained to slide inside the upper connector and fit snugly into the slot.

3. (original) A kick board according to claim 2, in which the slot and plunger are correspondingly tapered, and a wedge formed by the tapering on the plunger has a principal axis that extends in a plane at right angles to a longitudinal axis of the deck.

4. (original) A kick board according to claim 2, including an external manually grippable sheath slidable over an outside of the lower end the handle, a fixed pin extending from the sheath to mechanically connect to the plunger, the plunger being movable against its bias to unlock the handle and allow the handle to pivot when the sheath is slid relative to the handle.

5. (original) A kick board according to claim 2, in which the lower connector has a second slot extending horizontally into a rear facing surface thereof, the second slot being engagable by the plunger for locking the handle in the horizontal position.

6. (original) A kick board according to claim 2, in which the handle comprises a hollow tube and the lock includes a lock plunger bush that fits inside the tube to firmly and slidably locate the plunger with respect to the upper connector.